**Supply of kerosene to reliance industries**

3308. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have expressed its inability to provide adequate quantity of kerosene to M|s. Reliance Industries Ltd., for manufacturing Linear Alkaly Benzene; if so, when was it conveyed; and

(b) whether Government have made any commitments for providing Kerosene for manufacture of LAB or n-paraffin; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The policy being followed at present is to extract Normal Paraffins from Kerosene at the refineries for supply to units manufacturing LAB. M|s. Reliance Industries were informed in July, 1985 that Bharat Petroleum would undertake the manufacture of N-Paraffins for meeting their requirements as M|s. Reliance Industries themselves had indicated in an earlier letter the various advantags of the refineries separating Normal Parafins from Kerosene.

(b) Apart from the Indian Petrochemical Ltd., a public sector unit which is already manufacturing LAB from Normal Paraffins after extraction from Kerosene, commitment for supply of Kerosene for extraction of Normal Paraffins and return of the balance quantity of Kerosene was made in 1984 to M|s. Tamil Nadu Petroproducts, a joint sector venture of the Tamilnadu Industrial Development Corporation on account of the LAB unit being adjacent to the refinery and consequential savings in transportation and retransportation.

**Power Generation in DVC**

3309. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bokaro B unit under DVC was not in operation for a number of weeks recently;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the power generation and to prevent accidents and shut downs in DVC Units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Bokaro 'B' Project consists of three Units of 210 MW each, out of which only one unit has, so far, been commissioned. This Unit has been under forced outage since the end of June, 1987, on account of economizer tube leakage, bearing vibration, and each fault in generator rotor. The unit is under repair by BHEL, and is expected to be back by the end of August, 1987.

(c) Apart from repair of the affected Units and preventive as well as capital maintenance, DVC have taken up a renovation and modernisation programme at a total estimated cost of Rs. 50.50 crores which will improve the performance of various Thermal Units.

**No fiscal relief to Automobile manufacturers with Japanese collaboration**

3310. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have warned automobile manufacturers with Japanese collaboration that they should not expect fiscal reliefs to overcome problems caused by the appreciation of the Japanese Yen and that the challenge of the rising Yen should be met by accelerating the pace of indigenisation in the industry; if so, what are the details in regard thereto;

(b) whether this applies to Maruti Udyog also; and

(c) what efforts have been made by the Maruti Udyog Limited in the field of indigenisation and to reduce the cost of Maruti cars ?